

REMARKS

As of the 2 April 2009 *Office Action*, Claims 4, 6-8, 10, 12-24, and 29-32 are pending in the Application, wherein Claims 16-24 are withdrawn, Claims 10, 12-15 and 32 allowed, and Claims 4, 6-8 and 29-31 are rejected. Applicant thanks Examiner with appreciation for the careful consideration and examination given to the Application.

By the *Response and Amendment*, Applicant accepts the allowed Claims, cancels the withdrawn Claims, and amends Claims 29-31 mainly to depend from allowed Claim 10. Applicant submits this *Response and Amendment* solely to facilitate prosecution. As such, Applicant reserves the right to present new or additional claims in this Application that have similar or broader scope as originally filed. Applicant also reserves the right to present additional claims in a later-filed continuation application that have similar or broader scope as originally filed. Accordingly, any amendment, argument, or claim cancellation presented during prosecution is not to be construed as abandonment or disclaimer of subject matter.

Accordingly, after entry of this *Response and Amendment*, Claims 10, 12-15 and 29-32 are pending in the Application, and all believed allowed or allowable. No new matter is introduced in this *Response and Amendment*. It is respectfully submitted that the present Application is in condition for allowance for the following reasons.

1. Rejections Under §§102 and 103

In the *Office Action*, Claims 4 and 30-31 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as allegedly being anticipated by U.S. Patent Nos. 1,378,948 to Hage. Claims 4 and 6-7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as allegedly being anticipated by 3,788,396 to Shatto et al. Claims 8 and 29 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Shatto et al.

Application herein cancels Claims 4 and 6-8. Claims 29-31 are herein amended to depend from allowed Claim 10, and thus are believed patentable over the cited references.

As the Examiner notes that Claims 10, 12-15 and 32 are allowed, it is respectfully submitted that with the amendments herein, Claims 10, 12-15 and 29-32 are patentable over the cited references, and thus all allowable.

2. Fees

This *Response and Amendment* is being filed within six months of the *Office Action*, and more specifically in three months. Thus, no extension of time fee payments is believed due.

No additional claim fees are believed due, as the pending total claim count and number independent claims, remains covered under the original filing fee.

Nonetheless, authorization is hereby expressly given to charge any additional fees due via deposit account No. 20-1507.

CONCLUSION

By the present *Response and Amendment*, this Application has been placed in full condition for allowance. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests early and favorable action. Should the Examiner have any further questions or reservations, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned Attorney at 404.885.2773.

Respectfully submitted,

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